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§12–129.

(a) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, any new or replacement piping that is buried or installed for the purpose of connecting a building to a water supply system or a sewerage system shall be buried or installed with a wire that makes the piping detectable.

(b) The wire required under subsection (a) of this section shall:

(1) be an insulated copper tracer wire that is suitable for direct burial and has an American wire gauge (AWG) of at least 10, or an equivalent product;

(2) be installed:

(i) in the same trench as the piping that connects the building to the water supply system or the sewerage system;

(ii) within 12 inches of the piping that connects the building to the water supply system or the sewerage system; and

(iii) with at least one end of the wire terminating above grade in a location that is accessible and resistant to physical damage, such as in a cleanout or next to an external wall of the building; and

(3) run from within 5 feet of an external wall of the building to:

(i) the point where the piping intersects with the water supply system or the sewerage system; or

(ii) the point where the sewerage system disposes of or processes the sewage.

(c) The requirement of subsection (a) of this section with regard to replacement piping connecting a building to a water supply system or a sewerage system:

(1) applies only to a complete replacement of the piping; and

(2) does not apply to a repair or a partial replacement of the piping.

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